Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 07 May 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 08 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 07 May 2021 at 03:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a showery day on Friday and for a change to windier, wetter conditions on Saturday. The main uncertainty relates to shower distribution from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Friday 07 May 2021: Sunshine and further snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 07 May 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Sunny intervals	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	30%	30%	20%	00%

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Weather: A dry, frosty and often clear start to the day with some early sunshine across southern ranges. Showers of sleet, hail and snow will develop across all ranges through morning and much of the afternoon. A change in wind direction will leave the West Coast ranges increasingly dry and clear through later afternoon and all ranges likely dry by late evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%.

Visibility: Some areas of cloud will linger above 400-600m through morning, mainly across Lochaber while the southern ranges see clearer conditions. Afternoon showers will bring cloud down to 600m or so and snow will reduce visibility to a few hundred metres at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	12/14 N	9/12 W	11/16 NW	11/16 W	8/12 NW	4/6 NE	8/12 SE
900	6/8 NW	7/10 NW	8/13 W	9/14 W	7/11 NW	4/5 NE	8/11 SE
600	6/7 SW	7/10 SW	9/14 W	10/15 W	7/11 NW	4/5 NE	4/7 E
300	3/4 S	4/6 W	7/12 N	8/14 W	7/12 NW	3/5 N	3/5 E
Glen	2/4 NW	3/7 W	7/12 N	10/18 W	6/11 NW	3/5 NW	3/7 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-4/-11	-4/-10	-3/-9	-3/-8	-3/-7	-4/-7	-5/-10
900	-2/-5	-1/-4	1/-3	1/-3	1/-3	-1/-4	-3/-8
600	0/-3	1/-2	3/-1	3/-0	3/0	2/-0	0/-2
300	3/1	4/3	6/3	6/3	6/3	4/3	2/1
Glen	5/4	7/6	8/6	9/6	8/7	5/4	2/1
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	600m	600m	600m	600m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Ice and fresh snow will make for slippery conditions, especially early and late.

Forecast for Saturday 08 May 2021
Weather: A day of contrasting conditions as a cold, frosty and largely dry morning gives way to strengthening easterly winds, thick cloud and periods of rain and snow. This rain will arrive across Arran soon after dawn, falling as snow above 400m initially, spreading to all ranges by mid morning. The snow level will gradually rise with rain across all but highest levels after dark but rain will be increasingly light by this stage.

Maximum wind: Easterly 15-20mph increasing 25-35 gusting up to 50mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% falling to 10%.

Visibility: Very little low level cloud through morning but cloud will become persistent above 300-500m in the east, 500-700m in the west.

Temperature: **Glens:** 2-4C rising to 6-8C.
At 800m: Minus 1 or 2 C.
Freezing level: 400m rising 1000m.

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